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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO TRUDEAU

1. PRESIDENT DESIRES SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEADS
OF GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS REPRESENTED AT SEPT.
7, 1977, PANAMA TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY, AND TO OTHER
CANAL USER COUNTRIES WHICH SENT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION
AT THAT TIME AND AFTER SENATE APPROVAL. UNLESS YOU
PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE DELIVER AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU.

QTE: DEAR PIERRE: WITH APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES
SENATE OF THE TWO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977, AND
ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA,
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN NOW INITIATE A NEW COOPERATIVE
RELATIONSHIP IN OPERATING AND PROTECTING THE CANAL AS THE
TREATIES PROVIDE.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE OF APRIL 19
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AS WELL AS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AS WE HAVE MOVED TO-
WARD THIS HAPPY RESULT. YOUR SUPPORT HAS CONTRIBUTED
MATERIALLY TO THE SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL

PROBLEM, TO IMPROVED WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, TO
THE FACILITATION OF WORLD COMMERCE, AND THUS TO WORLD
PEACE. SINCERELY, /S/ JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE

2. FYI APRIL 19 MESSAGE FROM TRUDEAU READS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: DEAR JIMMY, I WAS VERY HAPPY TO LEARN YESTERDAY
THAT THE SENATE HAD APPROVED THE TREATY RELINQUISHING
CONTROL OF THE PANAMA CANAL TO PANAMA IN THE YEAR 2000.
THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT AND I SHOULD LIKE
TO CONGRATULATE YOU VERY WARMLY.

THE SPONTANEOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF JOY THAT GREETED THE
TREATY RATIFICATION IN PANAMA AUGUR WELL FOR THE FUTURE.

WITH KIND PERSONAL REGARDS (HANDWRITTEN IN: AND IN FRIEND-
SHIP). YOURS SINCERELY, PIERRE. UNQTE VANCE

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